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SUMMARY: IN JUNE 19 DISCUSSION, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE INADEQUATE INTRA-EDAC COMPROMISE 100 MHZ CUTOFF FOR (A)(1), ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT MOST DELS MIGHT ACCEPT IT IF AE NOTE CUTOFF WERE RAISED. JAPAN ACCEPTED ON THAT CONDITION. ALL DELS RESERVED ON NOTE FOR COMPUTER USE EXCEPT JAPAN, WHO AGREED AD REF. US WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS ON (A)(2). FURTHER DISCUSSION DEFERRED TO ROUND IV. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) INSTRUCTIONS ON (A)(2). (B) RECONSIDERATION OF RAISING AE CUTOFF TO 150. (C) RECONSIDER US STAND ON NOTE FOR COMPUTER USE. END SUMMARY.

1. US REFUSAL TO RAISE AE PARAMETER TO 150 MHZ WAS NOT WELCOMED BY COMMITTEE. FRENCH RESERVED ON (A)(1) 100 MHZ CUTOFF, SAYING THEY WERE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND US UNWILLINGNESS TO RAISE AE CUTOFF TO 150. AE NOTE WOULD BE - USELESS AT 100, THEY SAID. THEIR SUBSEQUENT REMARKS INDICATED THEY EITHER HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD OR HAD NOT ACCEPTED THE REASONING BEHIND ADOPTION OF PRESENT AE  
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NOTE, WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON SYSTEM BANDWIDTH. THEY ALSO

RESERVED ON OUR DESIRE TO RESTORE NOTE ON OSCILLOSCOPES FOR COMPUTER MAINTENANCE. UK JOINED FRENCH IN RESERVING DN (A)(1), AND UK EXPERT HAYNES STRONGLY CRITICIZED IDEA OF RESTORING NOTE FOR COMPUTER USE. HE SAID IT HAD CAUSED UNTOLD TROUBLE AND WAS WIDE OPEN TO DIVERSION.

2. NETHERLANDS DEL REGRETTED US UNWILLINGNESS TO INCREASE (A)(1) CUTOFF TO 150 MHZ IN FACE OF EVIDENCE OF BLOC CAPABILITY. HE STILL CLINGS TO HIGHER FIGURE AND CANNOT ACCEPT LESS. ON PROPOSED COMPUTER NOTE HE ENTERED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "UNSYMPATHETIC" RESERVE. CANADIAN DEL WAS OPENMINDED ON (A)(1). HE SAID CANADIAN FIRMS ARE NOW IMPORTING 150 MHZ OSCILLOSCOPES OF GOOD QUALITY FROM POLAND.

3. JAPAN COULD ACCEPT US PROPOSAL FOR (A)(1) AND WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE CUTOFF TO 150. ON AE NOTE, IT PROPOSED 150 INSTEAD OF 250 MHZ WHICH IT HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CHINESE AND BLOC CAPABILITY. IT COULD ACCEPT NOTE ON COMPUTER USE AD REF. GERMANY SUPPORTED DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR 150 MHZ CUTOFF IN (A)(1) BUT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT JAPANESE COUNTERPROPOSAL, WHILE RESERVING ON NOTE FOR COMPUTER USE. FRENCH ENTERED SYMPATHETIC RESERVE ON JAPANESE COUNTERPROPOSAL. UK COULD ACCEPT 100 MHZ ONLY ON CONDITION AE CUTOFF WERE RAISED TO 200 MHZ. THEY RESERVED ON JAPANESE COUNTERPROPOSAL.

4. ON (A)(2), USDEL WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND MAINTAINED HIS RESERVE.

5. ON (B) DISAPPOINTMENT WAS EXPRESSED AT US OBJECTION TO ANY AMENDMENT ON IT. FRENCH EXPERT SAID THESE DEVICES IMPLIED A LOSS OF DEFINITION AND HAD SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS, SUCH AS FAILURE TO PERMIT PHOTOGRAPHING FAST PHENOMENA. JAPAN WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT US WOULD NOT ACCEPT 8 GHZ PARAMETER IN THEIR PROPOSAL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) INSTRUCTIONS ON (A)(2) ASAP AND, WELL BEFORE ROUND IV; (B) RECONSIDERATION OF RAISING AE CUTOFF TO 150 MHZ IN VIEW OF UNANIMOUS UNWILLINGNESS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT 100 MHZ CUTOFF IN (A)(1) WITHOUT HIGHER PARAMETER IN AE NOTE; (C) RECONSIDERATION OF US DESIRE TO RESTORE NOTE ON OSCILLOSCOPES FOR COMPUTER MAINTENANCE IN VIEW OF COMMITTEE'S HOSTILITY TO THAT IDEA AND ESPECIALLY REMARKS OF UK EXPERT. TURNER

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